

REMARKS

Claim Amendments

Claims 1, 5-13, 16-22, 24, 25, 29, and 30 are pending. Claims 1 and 13 are amended. No new matter is added. Support for the amendments may be found throughout the specification as filed. *See, e.g.*, Specification, ¶¶ [033], [0057].

Applicant submits that the claim amendments do not raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. Furthermore, the amendments reduce issues for appeal. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments.

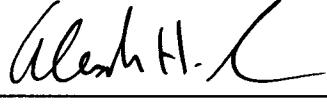
CONCLUSION

It is believed that these amendments and remarks should place this application in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner has any questions relating to this response, or the application in general, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

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